

2017 Study of the United States Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers) **Announcement**

The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine is pleased to announce a competition for the **2017 Study of the United States Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers)**. This program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and will cover all participant costs, including program administration, travel, housing and subsistence, as well as book, cultural, and incidental allowances.

The highly competitive Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers) is an intensive post-graduate level academic program with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary educators the opportunity to deepen their understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The ultimate goal of the Institute is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in secondary schools and other academic institutions abroad. The Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators will take place over the course of five weeks in the beginning of June 2017 and will include a four week academic residency component and a one week integrated study tour. Participants are expected to attend all lectures and organized activities, and complete all assigned readings. The institutes should not be viewed as research programs.

The Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers) will provide one multinational group of 20 experienced secondary school teachers with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture – past and present. The focus of the Institute will be on providing content and materials for participants to develop high school level curricula about the United States. Please note that the main focus of the Institute for teachers is on content and materials about the United States rather than teaching methods and pedagogy. To this end, the Institute is organized around a central theme or themes in U.S. civilization. Through a combination of traditional, multi-disciplinary, and interdisciplinary approaches, program content will examine the history and evolution of U.S. institutions and values, broadly defined. The program will also serve to illuminate contemporary political, social, and economic debates in American society. The four week academic residency will be complemented by a one week study tour. The aim of the study tour is to showcase the cultural, geographic, and ethnic diversity of the United States. Pending ECA grant approval, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will host the Institute for 20 international teachers beginning in June 2017.

Candidate description and qualifications: Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced secondary school teachers. Ideal candidates are individuals who are seeking to introduce or enhance aspects of U.S. studies into their curricula or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for education professionals in U.S. studies or related fields. While the nominee's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, the potential impact and multiplier effect of the Institute is equally important. He or she should be a specialist in the field related to the institute title, have a graduate degree and a substantial knowledge

of the thematic area of the Institute. Priority will be given to candidates who have firm plans to enhance, update or develop courses and/or educational materials with a U.S. studies focus or component, who have no or limited prior experience in the United States, and who have special interest in the institute topic as demonstrated through past scholarship, accomplishments, and professional duties. Candidates must demonstrate English language fluency.

Please visit the SUSI website page to obtain general information about the Institutes: <http://exchanges.state.gov/susi> . Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy's website <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov> or by email to KyivAccess@state.gov

Deadline for receiving applications at Public Affairs Section is January 9, 2017.